

Procter & Gamble - I.P. Division

IMPORTANT CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE

The documents accompanying this telecopy transmission contain confidential information belonging to the sender which is legally protected. The information is intended only for the use of the individual or entity named below. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, distribution or the taking of any action in reliance on the contents of this telecopied information is strictly prohibited. If you have received this telecopy in error, please immediately notify us by telephone (collect) to arrange for return of the telecopied document to us.

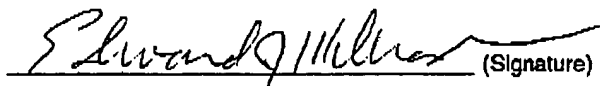
**FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET AND
CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8**

**TO: Box AF, Assistant Commissioner for Patents - United States Patent and Trademark Office
Examiner: Michele Kidwell**

Fax No. (703) 872-9303

Phone No. (703) 872-9301

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 27, 2003, to the above-identified facsimile number.

 (Signature)

FROM: Edward J. Milbrada (Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate)

Fax No. (513) 626-3499

Phone No. (513) 626-1167

Listed below are the item(s) being submitted with this Certificate of Transmission:**

1) Response to Office Action (14 pages)

Number of Pages Including this Page: 16

Inventor(s): Sprengard-Eichel, et al.

S.N.: 09/778,371

Confirmation No.: 6846

Filed: February 7, 2001

Case: 8369Q

Comments:

FAX RECEIVED

MAR 27 2003

GROUP 3700

**Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of transmission, OR this certificate must identify each submitted paper.

Case 8369Q
Reply Under 37 CFR § 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Technology Center 3700

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: :
Sprengard-Eichel, et al. : Confirmation No.: 6846
Serial No.: 09/778,371 : Group Art Unit: 3761
Filed: February 7, 2001 : Examiner: M. Kidwell
Title: ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH THERMAL CELL ACTUATOR

12/C
Webb
B. 3/31/03
CNE

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Box AF
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Final Office action mailed on January 30, 2003, the Applicants hereby respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. This response is submitted under 37 CFR § 1.116 in order to place the application in condition for allowance and uses the revised amendment format recently promulgated.

In the claims, please amend the claims according to the entire set of pending claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Please consider the remarks and arguments beginning on page 6 of this paper.